

AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) BELOW, A STATE GRANT OFFER SHALL BE MADE ONLY FOR A PROJECT OR PART OF A PROJECT ON WHICH A FEDERAL GRANT OFFER IS MADE, AND THE STATE GRANT OFFER SHALL AMOUNT TO ONE-HALF OF THE ELIGIBLE COST REMAINING AFTER THE MAXIMUM FEDERAL GRANT HAS BEEN APPLIED. IN THE CASE OF A PROJECT TO BE OPERATED BY A STATE OWNED INSTITUTION OR FACILITY, THE STATE GRANT OFFER SHALL EQUAL THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT LESS THE AMOUNT OF ANY FEDERAL GRANT OFFER MADE THEREFOR.

3. THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IS AUTHORIZED, IN ITS DISCRETION AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, TO APPROVE A STATE GRANT NOT TO EXCEED 87-1/2 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE COST OF A PROJECT OR PART OF A PROJECT, IF THE BOARD FINDS (A) THAT THE IMMEDIATE INITIATION OR CONTINUATION OF SUCH PROJECT IS CRITICAL TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR COMPLIANCE WITH WATER QUALITY STANDARDS OF THE STATE, AND (B) THAT A TIMELY AND SUFFICIENT FEDERAL GRANT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PROJECT OR PART OF A PROJECT. IN APPROVING SUCH GRANTS, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE FEDERAL GRANTS FOR THE REMAINING PART OF SUCH PROJECTS.

[(c) Any municipality in this State which has received a Federal grant under said Public Law 660, as amended from time to time, may petition the State of Maryland for an equal and matching grant toward the cost of the same project, subject to the limitation that the state and federal grants combined shall not exceed fifty per centum (50%) of the total construction cost of any sewerage treatment plant or \$500,000.00 whichever is smaller. The petition in the first instance shall be directed to the State Board of Health and upon the approval of the plans by the State Board of Health, the said Board of Health shall promptly report the petition to the Board of Public Works together with its report that the project has been approved both by the Surgeon General of the United States or other lawful Federal authority under the provisions of Public Law 660 of the 84th Congress, as amended from time to time, and also by the State Department of Health, and that the Board of Public Works should make available the necessary matching funds as provided hereunder.

(d) The Board of Public Works shall allocate from moneys available under this Act, to every municipality receiving such a Federal grant, an equal and matching sum toward the cost of the same project, subject to the limitation that the state and federal grants combined shall not exceed fifty per centum (50%) of the total